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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF CONTROLLER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE

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1. SYG LUNS INFORMS ME THAT HE THIS MORNING MADE
DECISION TO APPOINT CHARLES WILDS AS NATO CONTROLLER
FOR INFRASTRUCTURE, DESPITE CONSIDERABLE MISGIVINGS
AS TO WILDS ADEQUACY IN FRENCH AND SOME CONCERN THAT
FRENCH DELEGATION MAY CHOOSE TO MAKE AN ISSUE OF THE
MATTER AS THEY HAVE DONE IN CASE OF OTHER APPOINTMENTS
RECENTLY.

2. I CONCLUDE THAT LUNS HAS GONE THROUGH WITH THIS
APPOINTMENT BECAUSE OF THE LOGIC OF IT, HIS KNOWLEDGE
OF OUR STRONG INTEREST IN THE POSITION AND FACT THAT
WE HAVE KEPT SYG AND HIS STAFF UNDER CONSTANT PRESSURE
ON IT. I SUGGEST NOW THAT WILDS BEGIN IMMEDIATELY
A CRASH COURSE TO BRING HIS FRENCH UP TO REASONABLE
WORKING KNOWLEDGE SO THAT WE MAY KEEP OUR SIDE OF THE
BARGAIN WITH NATO. BENNETT

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